

May 1, 1874

Major John B. Jones (1834-1881)

Born in So. Carolina, came to Republic of TX in 1837. Educated at Old Baylor and Antiochville where students had to defend the school from Indian attacks.

In Civil War (1861-65), served with Terry's Texas Rangers and Speight's Texas Inf. Battalion. Was appointed (May 1, 1874) by Governor Richard Coke to organize and field the Frontier Battalion, Texas Rangers. Duty

was to stop Indian depredations, bandit
raids from Mexico and lawlessness that
resulted from Federal Reconstruction. At once
put 6 Range Companies at Frontier Posts
100 mi apart. In first 6 mos patrolled
22,250 mi.

Defeated Indians in numerous engagements
brought end to violent outbreaks including
the Moson Co. War; Hornell-Higgins Feud;
Kumble Co. Trouble; El Paso Salt War. In 1878
brought to quiet Sam Bass Gang of train &
bank robbers. In 1880 & 81 directed tracking down
and killing Victorio's Apache Indian. Buried Austin, TX